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**Digital-Environment System Coalition
(DESC)**
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Meeting 2 Agenda
6th August 2021, 11.00-13.00 BST (GMT+1 hr)
or
18th August 2021, 12.00-14.00 BST (GMT+1 hr)

(Items in green for discussion; in blue mainly for information)

1. **Introduction** to main purpose of the meeting (TU) (5 mins)
   - Approving working group papers
   - Introduction to Youth DESC
   - Logos
   - Membership
   - Partnerships
   - Actions moving forward
   - Requests of members

2. **Working Group Papers** (TU) (30mins)
   - Internal Communications (attached DESC 2-2021-1)
     - Comments and suggestions
     - Approval
   - Governance (attached DESC 2-2021-2)
     - Comments and suggestions
     - Approval
   - Ethics (attached DESC 2-2021-3)
     - Comments and suggestions
     - Approval

3. **Introduction to YouthDESC** (MH) (10mins)
   - Rationale for YouthDESC
   - Steering Group
   - Action

4. **Initial logos** (TU) (5 mins)
   - Requesting approval for the following provisional logos

- Suggestions for development of a permanent logo

5. **Membership update** (TU) (2 mins)
   - 24 Members
   - 7 Associate Members

6. **Partnership update** (TU) (2 mins)
   - One confirmed partner (ICT4D.at), one partnership discussion ongoing (Tablet Comunitário – Mozambique and South Africa)

7. **Creation of Steering Group**
   - Para 7.2 of proposed governance structure
     - The Steering Group consists of 8-12 Members and Partners, the latter of which should comprise no more than half of its membership.
     - Working Group Chairs (or Secretaries) are invited to be members of the Steering Group, and an election will be held should the number wishing to be part of the Steering Group exceed the number of places available.
   - Proposal for nominations by 31 August 2021 to the Secretariat (elections if more than 6 nominations, to permit additional people to be added subsequently as new Working Groups are established)

8. **Revised conceptual framework**
   - It is important that we have a basic conceptual framework to help explain what DESC is about, and to provide the context within which our research, practice and policy influence take place.
   - Following DESC's first meeting, revisions were made to an earlier draft conceptual model, and a substantially revised version is presented here (attached DESC 2-2021-4). Approval is sought now to share this more widely through our site and more generally.

9. **Actions moving forward** (TU) (10 mins)
   - The original agreed schedule of actions for DESC was
     - Phase 1 (2021-22) – crafting the coalition
     - Phase 2 (2022) – establishing working groups
     - Phase 3 (2023-25) – research and report writing
   - These remain realistic, but the attached discussion paper (DESC 2-2021-5) provides a summary of suggested/possible actions for all Members

10. **Any other business** (10 mins)

11. **Dates of next meeting** (to be confirmed subsequently through Doodle poll)

12. **Brief *Tour de Table*** (for those able to stay for introductions)